

Cath Petroskey

From: Chris Hale <CHale@shantycreek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:30 PM
To: Cath Petroskey
Subject: Support for HB 5184

I am requesting that you take action to eliminate the 10% cap on electric competition by supporting HB 5184.

The current law is wrong and directly affects all of your constituents: it picks winners and losers among Michigan residents -- and 90% of us are the losers. It also gives a monopoly to Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, eliminating all incentives they used to have to provide strong customer service and downward pressure on prices.

Michigan's electricity rates are now the highest in the Midwest and well above the national average, with average price increases over the last four years from 20-30%! What other Michigan company could afford to stay in business after hiking prices on their customers to those stratospheric levels?

We want to stay in Michigan, create jobs, reinvest in our businesses and grow our economy. Please: eliminate the 10% cap on competition by supporting HB 5184 and let the American system of free enterprise work. Competition brings out the best in all of us!

Sincerely,

Chris Hale